(8) (*a*) and (*b*).

		£.	s.	d.
(1)	5 gold-mounted bear claw labels and 30 gold chackram brooches	... 21	0	0
(2)	Embroidered tea cloth	... 8	18	0
(3)	Silver muff chain	... 0	13	8
(4)	Bear claw brooch	... 2	10	0
(5)	Double claw brooch	... 2	10	0
(6)	Ivory paper cutter	... 1	4	0
(7)	Do. Do.	... 0	18	0
(8)	Ivory deer with eagle on back	... 2	4	0
(9)	Small ivory box (carved)	... 2	4	0
(10)	Ivory visiting card case	... 0	18	0

Restriction re Caste of the Medical Officer and Nurse at Vaikam.

75. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any order that the Medical Officer and the nurse of the Vaikam Hospital should be caste Hindus?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons therefor?

(*c*) Has any non-caste Hindu or non-Hindu been appointed at any time in the said Hospital as Medical Officer or as nurse?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is no such Government order and there is no nurse in the Vaikam Hospital.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): With regard to part (*c*), may I know the number of such doctors posted to Vaikam?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The number has not been ascertained.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether there has been a permanent posting at Vaikam of any non-caste Hindu?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the reason for that?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no special reason found in the records.

Operation of the Land Colonisation Scheme.

76. **MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): With reference to the scheme for the assignment of *puduval* lands to agricultural syndicates and co-operative societies, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of applications, if any, received hitherto and disposed of under the scheme;

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(*b*) the total area assigned till this date and the balance available for disposal; and

(*c*) the taluks in which such lands lie and the assignable area available in each such taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to Rules 6, 7 and 8 of the Land Colonisation Rules, dated the 13th November 1924, and to G. O. Dis. No. 1314 of 25/Rev., dated the 20th October 1925, published in the *Government Gazette*, dated the 27th October 1925, regarding the constitution of Committees for the several taluks of the State, for earmarking, after inspection, the blocks of lands fit for disposal under the Land Colonisation Rules. It is only after the lists of lands earmarked by the Committees have been published in the *Government Gazette* as required by Rule 7 and after they become final under Rule 8, that steps for the assignment of the selected lands, under the Rules, can be started. It is therefore not possible now to furnish the information required by the member.

Action under Section 248 of the Municipal Regulation.

77. **MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether copies of resolutions passed by Municipalities are forwarded to Government in time, and, if so, whether action is being taken on them under Section 248 of the Municipal Regulation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Copies of resolutions on which orders of Government have to be obtained are forwarded to Government by the Municipal Councils in time. Copies of other resolutions are perused by Government before publication in the *Government Gazette*. Government do take action, if found necessary, under Section 248 of the Municipal Regulation, with respect to resolutions passed by the Councils.

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Were the copies of the resolutions passed by the Municipal Council of Kottayam, last year, received by Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Do you mean the whole of last year?

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Yes.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That is a question which has to be answered after verification of the papers. The resolutions, as they are passed by the Council, have to be sent to Government under the Municipal Regulation, for examination and publication in the *Gazette*; and it is believed that they are being sent to Government. Whether all of them have come in will have to be verified.

MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Was a copy of any resolution received last year from the Municipal Council of Kottayam?

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